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SUBJECT: TRIPOLI OIL CONFERENCE

1. AHAM MARCH 13 CONTINUES TO REPORT "CERTAINTY" THAT TRIPOLI  
CONFERENCE WILL RAISE EMBARGO ON US. BANNER HEADLINE: "OIL  
MINISTERS EXPECTED TO APPROVE LIFTING OF EMBARGO ON US;  
MINISTERS MEETING TODAY IN TRIPOLI; PRODUCTION TO RETURN TO  
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NORMAL VOLUME."

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LEAD ARTICLE DISPATCHED FROM TRIPOLI BY AHARAM'S ENERGY EDITOR: "ALL INDICATIONS" ARE THAT CONFERENCE WILL END WITH DECLARATION OF RESUMPTION OIL SHIPMENTS TO US FOLLOWING AMERICAN EFFORTS TO SOLVE ME PROBLEM. ARAB DECISION TO REDUCE PRODUCTION BY 15 PERCENT WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.

3. "I LEARNED THAT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED BY ARAB MINISTERS' MEETING WILL INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF RESULTS ACHIEVED BY OIL WEAPON AND REASONS FOR LIFTING EMBARGO FROM US. MORE THAN ONE MINISTER HAS TOLD ME THAT TENDENCY TO STOP USE OF OIL WEAPON... IS BEING MADE IN FRAMEWORK OF FLEXIBILITY WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED ARAB OUTLOOK TO OIL AND THE BATTLE." MINISTERS HAVE SAID THIS TENDENCY DOES NOT OBVIATE RESUMPTION OF USE OIL AS WEAPON.

4. A RESPONSIBLE SOURCE SAID THAT SYRIA HAS DECLARED ITS AGREEMENT WITH DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY ARAB OIL MINISTERS. IT IS KNOWN THAT MINISTERS' MEETINGS WILL NOT BE ATTENDED BY IRAQ WHICH BOYCOTTED FIRST MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS; THE MINISTERS DECIDED NOT TO INVITE IRAQ TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS.

5. AKHBAR FRONTPAGES INTERVIEW OF UAE PETROLEUM MINISTER MANT' AL-UTAYBA, IN WHICH HE SAID AMERICA HAS BEGUN TO ACT POSITIVELY, THOUGH NOT SUFFICIENTLY, AND THAT AMERICA'S CHANGE MUST BE MATCHED BY A CHANGE IN ARAB SIDE. ARAB DECISION ON US, HOWEVER, MUST BE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED IN INTEREST OF ARAB SOLIDARITY. ON HOLLAND, MINISTER SAID HOLLAND SHOULD RECEIVE SAME TREATMENT AS US SINCE "WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES". ASKED ABOUT VIENNA CONFERENCE MARCH 19, AND SAUDI ARABIA'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE OIL PRICES, MINISTER SAID CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS PRICE OF OIL DURING SECOND QUARTER OF 1974. "WE SHALL ENDEAVOR OBTAIN MAXIMUM PROFIT FOR OUR PEOPLE AND OUR ARAB NATION."  
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